

1 (D) REMARKS

2 For the record it is noted that the foregoing amendments are to allowable claims. No art was
3 cited against said claims. The amendments made hereby are made without prejudice or
4 limitation as to individual elements of any claim with respect to the claimed subject matter
5 and the Doctrine of Equivalents. Absent changes to elements themselves of an allowed or
6 allowable claim, an addition of elements made to such a claim is not a limitation imposed on
7 the original element(s) of such a claim itself; the element not being amended in and of itself,
8 the scope of that element is not narrowed. (See, Festo v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo
9 Kabushiki Col, LTD., a/k/a SMC Corporation, and SMC Pneumatics, Inc., 11/29/00, CAFC
10 95-1066). Applicant expressly reserves without prejudice the right to file continuing
11 applications in order to challenge the Action's allegations with respect to cited and relied
12 upon references.

13 Based upon the foregoing, it is submitted that the application now presents claims which are
14 directed to novel, unobvious and distinct features of the present invention which are an
15 advancement to the state of the art. Reconsideration and early allowance of all claims is
16 respectfully requested. The right is expressly reserved to reassert any and all arguments,
17 including the raising of new arguments, should a Notice of Allowance not be forthcoming.
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1 Questions or suggestions that will advance the case to allowance may be directed to the
2 undersigned by teleconference at the Examiner's convenience.

3 Date: 21 MAR 05

Respectfully submitted,
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